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**Commonwealth of Virginia**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

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**Agency Name:** Board of Counseling, Department of Health Professions

**Chapters affected:**

<b>VAC No.</b> <i>(e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):</i>	<b>Chapter Name</b> <i>(e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):</i>
18 VAC 115-50-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy

**Statutory Authority:** 54.1-2400 of the Code of Virginia

**Name of petitioner:** Arnold Woodruff, M.S. for the Virginia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

**Nature of petitioner's request:** To amend regulations to: 1) require that at least 1/2 of the required 100 hours of supervision be provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT) qualified as a supervisor; and 2) eliminate provision that allows a licensed professional counselor to become a MFT without taking the national examination.

**INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE**

**Agency's plan for disposition of the request:** At its meeting on Friday, November 3, 2006, the Board will consider whether to recommend amendments to the requirements for supervision and licensure of marriage and family therapists.

**Comments may be submitted until** October 4, 2006

**AGENCY DECISION**

☐ **Request Granted**

☐ **Request Denied**

**Statement of reasons for decision:**

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